

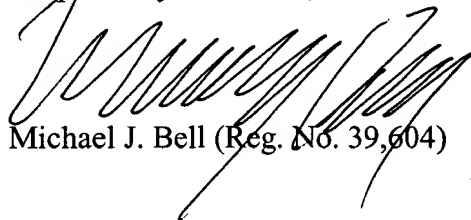
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 12, 2006, Claims 80-105 remain pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 85 and 87 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 80-89, 92, 94, 95 and 100 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,969,769 to *Paschall*. Claim 102 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Paschall*. Alternatively, Claim 102 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Paschall* in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,755,770 to *Ruedemann*. Claim 90 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Paschall* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,069,165 to *Roussaeu*. Claim 99 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Paschall* in view of *Smeester*.

The Examiner, however, indicated Claim 101 to be allowable. The Examiner further indicated that Claims 91, 93 and 96-98 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the recitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant cancels Claims 80-96, 99-100 and 102 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 91 has been rewritten in independent form as Claim 103, Claim 93 has been rewritten as Claim 104 and Claim 96 has been rewritten as Claim 105. Accordingly, Claims 97, 98, 101 and 103-105 are now in condition for allowance and Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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